

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.466**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

466. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has written to heads of religious sects within India to discourage the practice of female genital mutilation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to draft a legislation to specifically address the said issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to curb the practice?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration to draft legislation in this regard.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) Necessary safeguards are already available under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, which can be invoked for prosecution of people indulging in the practice of female genital mutilation.

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